

KENYA



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History of Partnership

The House Democracy Partnership¹ (HDP) approved a legislative strengthening partnership with the National Assembly of Kenya in 2006. Since then, HDP has worked with the Assembly to improve their budgeting and oversight capacity, library and research services, and committee operations. The Partnership encourages development on these fronts through visits to Kenya from delegations of current and former Members of Congress, Congressional staff visits to Kenya, and independent training seminars in the U.S., both for Kenyan members of parliament and parliamentary staff. Demonstrating their commitment to HDP, the National Assembly, and now the Senate, self-funded additional participants in several exchanges.



HDP Engagement with the Parliament of Kenya

- **MP and Regional Seminars:** Members of the Kenyan parliament have participated in 12 MP and regional seminars, with the most recent one in July 2019. HDP facilitated the first Africa regional seminar with the participation of HDP's two sub-Saharan African member countries: Kenya and Liberia. The seminar covered the topics of transparency, ethics, committees and citizen engagement.
- **Staff Delegations and Technical Assistance Consultancies (TACs):** HDP has organized five staff delegations and TACs with the Parliament of Kenya.
- **Staff Seminars:** Since 2007, parliamentary staff have participated in 18 HDP staff seminars, with topics on budgetary oversight, citizen outreach, media relations, intergovernmental communication, policy creation, and transparency and access to information.
- **Self-Initiated Delegations:** Between 2010 and 2018, Kenyan MPs and staff conducted five self-initiated delegation trips to Washington, DC to enhance and further the partnership between HDP, the U.S. and Kenya.

HDP Congressional Delegations (CODELs)

- HDP has organized six U.S. Congressional delegation visits to Kenya.
 - July 2006
 - July 2008
 - July 2010
 - July 2012
 - June 2016
 - October 2019

¹ At the time the partnership was initiated, the House Democracy Partnership was known as the House Democracy Assistance Commission (HDAC). The name was subsequently changed to reflect the nature of HDP as a partnership with partner countries.